

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 16 and ending at line 21, with the following paragraph:

The sock-like structure 34 is provided with a slit 35 which extends in a direction towards the calcaneum between the medial and lateral malleoli. In this embodiment, the slit is closable by a mechanical hook and loop fastener 50, such as velcro®. One portion of the fastener (ie. either a hook portion or a loop portion) is affixed to one side of the slit. The other portion of the fastener 50 is affixed to a strap 52 that is affixed to the other side of the slit.